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**Subject:** Re: Dispersant tox testing mentioned in NY Times article yesterday  
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Yea, I had noticed that. Assuming she was referring to acute work done at Springborn.

▼ John Carriger---04/12/2011 01:56:34 PM---Don't know if you saw but the tox testing was mentioned in the NY Times article I sent yesterday: Th

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Don't know if you saw but the tox testing was mentioned in the NY Times article I sent yesterday:

The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) has [now done extensive testing on the most commonly used dispersant, Corexit 9500](#), mixed with Louisiana crude and found it to be no more or less toxic to marine life than eight other alternative dispersants or than the oil alone. The [E.P.A.](#) administrator, [Lisa P. Jackson](#), said that not only was the toxicity of the dispersants evaluated, so was their effectiveness. "The chemicals helped break up the oil," Ms. Jackson said in a recent interview. "It was the right decision to use them."

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